

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(A) Please amend line 10 on page 6 of the specification as filed in which the full paragraph containing the amendment is as follows:

“By conducting the drying treatment in such a condition, it can be presumed that an evaporation rate of water from the whole surfaces of the respective particles of the catalyst is uniform. For example, with regard to one certain catalyst particle, if this catalyst particle is fixed in the drying treatment step, water is scarcely evaporated from portions of the catalyst particle which are in contact with adjacent catalyst particles, but water is easily evaporated from the other portions of the catalyst particle which do not contact them. That is to say, in the one catalyst particle, the portions having the different drying rates are present. However, when the catalyst particles are always moved as in the present invention, the positions of the portions which contact the adjacent catalyst particles and the portions which do not contact them always change, so that the evaporation rate of water from the whole surface of the one catalyst particle is substantially uniformed, whereby the active components can be homogeneously highly dispersed and hence a catalytic activity can be improved.”

(B) Please amend lines 17 and 18 on page 8 of the specification as filed in which the full paragraph containing the amendments is as follows:

“On the other hand, no particular restriction is put on the above platinum-containing compound, and any compound is acceptable, so long as it becomes a platinum source, but a platinum salt is usually used. Examples of the platinum salt include tetraammineplatinum chloride, chloroplatinic acid, chloroplatinates,

tetragmmineplatinum hydroxide and dinitrodiaminoplatinum. These platinum-containing compounds may be used singly or in a combination of two or more thereof.”

(C) Please amend lines 23 and 24 on page 11 of the specification as filed in which the full paragraph containing the amendments is as follows:

“Moreover, the above olefin series hydrocarbons preferably have 6 to 10 carbon atoms, and typical examples thereof include hexene, methylpentene, heptene, methylhexene, dimethylpentene and octene. In addition, the above acetylene series hydrocarbons preferably have 6 to 10 carbon atoms, and typical examples thereof include hexine, heptine and octane hexyne, heptyne and octyne.”

(D) Please amend line 3 on page 13 of the specification as filed in which the full paragraph containing the amendment is as follows. Please note that amendment to line 6 on page 13 is a typographical error shown in the published application 2002/0193240A1.

“On the other hand, 0.086 g of tetragmmineplatinum chloride, 0.088 g of ammonium fluoride, 0.019 g of ammonium chloride and 2.1 g of ion-exchanged water were mixed with each other to prepare a platinumhalogen-containing impregnation solution.”